

Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community Member,

As we approach the end of the year, I always take time to reflect on my personal accomplishments and set my goals for the coming year. Our City government has spent time doing the same thing; reflecting on government services and setting goals, in the government's case, the budget, for 2011.

Last week, the City Council passed the 2011 budget. This budget was built on a conservative approach to managing our resources while allowing us to further a few goals of the council. The first is funding our reserves to the maximum level as prescribed for in our fiscal policies. Secondly, we have reinvested back into our community through a modest amount in community events. Finally we know how important it is to manage our expenses – the 2011 budget is balanced and has been adopted by City Council. Setting each of these goals would not have been possible without the City Council willing to spend a great deal of time rolling up their sleeves and asking themselves the really hard questions. These goals would have not been possible without the hard work of our City staff. The 46 people that work for our City each wear many different hats and each work hard at fulfilling the promise of providing great service while controlling costs. I want to thank both the council and staff for working hard for all of us in 2010.

I believe 2011 will be a great year. I know that many of us had a difficult 2010 and I really believe that 2011 will be a better year for all of us, including our City.

I want to thank Hopelink for giving each of us an opportunity to help a child this year. Giving trees are located in businesses throughout our City. There are many great opportunities for each of us to pick up a gift for a child who might not otherwise receive a gift. If you have any questions on where you can pick up a tag, please call City Hall at 425-788-1185.

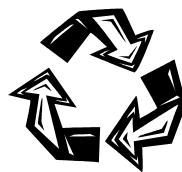
December is also a month that one of our police officers will receive a bullet proof vest. You may find it strange that a Duvall Police officer does not have a vest. This officer runs on four legs and works for food and the occasional dog biscuit. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Duvall, Blitz will be able to run around wearing a vest that will not only protect him but show our appreciation for the Rotary Club of Duvall.

A big thank you to local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce for lighting up Historic Duvall! It makes Duvall look and feel great. Thanks to you for helping to

make the annual Tree Lighting event a success. We had a great turnout and I want to thank all of the sponsors and volunteers who helped make the event a great success.

Enjoy your holidays and I look forward to working with and for all of you in 2011.

Will Ibershof



CHRISTMAS TREE-CYCLING

After you remove all the ornaments and tinsel, here are two environmentally friendly options for recycling your tree:

Curbside Yard Waste - SUBSCRIBERS ONLY

Put your tree in your yard waste container. Trees must be delimbed and cut into three foot (3') sections. Collection days will be normal for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Holidays because they both fall on Saturdays. For more information, go to <http://wmnorthwest.com/duvall>.

Duvall & Carnation Scout Collection/Drop-off

Scouts will collect trees door-to-door in selected neighborhoods as a fundraiser on Saturday, January 8th starting at 9:00 a.m. You can also drop your tree off at Duvall's Taylor Landing Park on Saturday, January 8th by 12:00p.m. (noon) or at Carnation Tree Farm by 2:00 p.m. Suggested donations of \$10 or more are appreciated.

Pick up what the chippers leave behind...

Free chips will be available at Duvall's Taylor Landing on Sunday and Monday, January 9th & 10th, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bring your own shovel, truck, wheelbarrow, manual labor and any other tools you will need. These chips are great to use as garden mulch and pet bedding.



WINTER WEATHER & ROAD CLOSURES

In an effort to make your travels as safe and efficient as possible, the City of Duvall has installed several permanent signs throughout key intersections of Duvall hosting pertinent road closure info.

The signs have roadway information on them regarding which roads are closed, what the closure is due to and an alternative route. The image here is what the new signs will look like. We will post data for snow and or flooding related detours & closures.



CITY OF DUVALL POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR SNOW & ICE ROAD CONDITIONS



As we saw during December 2008, if the snow starts to fall at a high rate it may be impossible to remove all of the snow before the cold temperatures quickly turn the snow to ice. Once the streets have become iced over and the majority of snow has been removed, additional plowing is not effective at removing the ice until temperatures rise above freezing.

Based on the 2008 winter, our snow removal efforts and capabilities have been enhanced as the City Council chose to make funds available to purchase an additional plow and de-icing applicator to be retrofitted onto an existing Public Works 4x4 truck. De-icing will help the roads become bare and wet sooner, allowing for plowing to also be more productive. We've also purchased salt to use in extreme situations. The de-icing liquid is only effective if applied prior to the freezing or snow event but it does lose its effectiveness once temperatures drop below 24°F. We do repeatedly sand to help you keep traction on the roads. Sanding does help on the ice, but only lasts a short time since it cannot bind to the ice. In situations where the temperature is anticipated to be around 24°F we will utilize salt instead of liquid de-icer. Even if the temperature drops too low, the salt will be embedded in the ice and aid it in thawing once the temperature rises. Please see our snow and ice removal plan on the city website for more information.

The City maintenance department now has two snowplows with sanders, and an additional plow with spray down liquid de-icer. First and foremost, we maintain the major streets within City limits as identified on the "Snow Route". The City has a designated snow route that is advised for drivers during winter conditions. This route is cleared first so that emergency vehicles can safely travel throughout the City. Please log on to www.duvallwa.gov for a map of our snow routes.

The City of Duvall tries to address and respond to every situation, but there are some things that do happen that are beyond our control. Unfortunately, our resources are limited and the City may not be able to immediately respond to all icy road conditions. Please remember to be prepared. If you must drive during these conditions, please consider using chains or snow tires. It is also advised when you drive in these conditions, that you follow the snow routes as much as possible, have a full tank of gas, wear warm clothes & footwear, and also try to avoid the icy wheel paths. Make sure to give yourself plenty of space between vehicles and plenty of time to get to your destination. You never know when you might get stuck and have to wait in the cold for assistance.

Please feel free to contact us with additional questions or solutions you may have. Steve Leniszewski, PE, Public Works Director 425-788-3434 or email steven.leniszewski@duvallwa.gov.

City of Duvall offices will be closed for the following holidays:

**December 24th (Friday)
in Observance of Christmas Day**



**December 31st (Friday)
in Observance of New Year's Day**

SNOW ROUTE



In addition to the "Detour Signage" we have identified the "Snow Route" with small signs throughout town. The snow route is maintained first in snow and ice events and the least steep route throughout town. Please be familiar with it and other alternate routes. Please look for the signs and also review the snow route on the city website. www.duvallwa.gov. A county-wide map is available too!!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



December 9th & 23rd : City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station. **(Please note that the 2nd Council Meeting in December may be cancelled, due to the Christmas Holiday)**

December 15th Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.